been sold but utilised for other purposes viz. Internal consumption, Inter-works transfers, etc., have to be duly considered, as these do not get reflected in the required details of Schedule-VI of the Companies Act. Once these are added to the figures indicated in schedules 6 and 7 the difference will get reconciled. A suitable disclosure note thereof appears in Schedule-7 of IISCO's Accounts. This system of maintenance of accounts has been continuing in IISCO since 1973-74 i.e. after the management of the company was taken over by the Government of India. As there is no discrepancy in the stocks, the question of missing steel does not arise.

Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC)

1609. SHRI JIBON ROY :
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) has planned to venture into ship breaking activities;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines for choosing the site for ship-breaking yard ;

(c) whether Government of West Bengal has consistently been requesting MSTC to set up such a unit in the State in view of the fact that re-rolling units in West Bengal are facing acute shortage of scrap, if so, whether MSTC in considering establishing such unit in West Bengal; and

(d) whether any action is being contemplated by the Central Government to utilise the above assets for the revival of this company; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) MSTC proposes to participate in a joint venture project for shipbreaking at an appropriate site.

(b) M/s. Engineers India Limited (EIL), a public sector enterprise, were engaged as consultants to prepare a location-cum-prefeasibility study. The following factors have been identified for evaluating various sites for shipbreaking ;

(i) Available draft
(ii) Water frontage
(iii) Back-up space
(iv) Soil & Tidal conditions
(v) Gradient
(vi) Infrastructural facilities in and around the site
(vii) Weather conditions
(viii) Hydrographic maps
(ix) Nearness to market, etc.

(c) The Director of Industries, West Bengal, has reprortedly been holding discussions with various interested parties including MSTC for development of a suitable site for shipbreaking in the State. MSTC has reported that it is open to participation in a joint venture project in the State provided a suitable site is available and long-term viability of the project is established.

(d) The re-rolling units situated in West Bengal are free to import rerollable scrap MSTC, which is a profit-making company, has reportedly also offered its services for import of such scrap on a commercial basis.

Implementation of Official Languages

1610. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that section 3(3) of the Official Language Act 1963 is being fully implemented with regard to estimates agreements notice inviting tenders etc. in the subordinate offices of the C.P.W.D.;

(b) if not, wherher it is due to non-creation/non-filling-up proper Hindi posts; and

(c) what action is being taken for implementation of the Section 3(3) of the Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) As reported by DG (W), CPWD, Section 3(3) of the Official Language Act is being complied with bilingual in relation to contract forms, except Schedule of Quantities annexed with some agreement, which is in English.

(b) No, sir.

(c) For effective implementation of various provisions of Official Language Acts, 13 more posts of Junior Hindi Translator (Totalling 70) have been created and filled up recently.